

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:**

**On page 1, between the title and the first paragraph, replace "Description" with the following --**

**This application is the national stage of PCT/EP03/05886 filed on June 05, 2003 and also claims Paris Convention priority of DE 102 26 266.7 filed on June 07, 2002.**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.**

**Please amend the third paragraph on page 2 as follows --**

**These objects are achieved by a sliding bearing composite material having the features of ~~claim 1~~ the independent claim. --.**

**On page 2, insert as a title prior to the last paragraph**

**-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.**

**On page 3 insert as a title following the third paragraph --**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING --.**

**Kindly insert the following paragraph directly following the above inserted title --**

**Fig. 1 shows results of wear tests for materials in accordance with the invention**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --.**

**On page 8 replace as a title on line one "Claims" with**

**-- WE CLAIM: --**